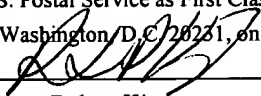


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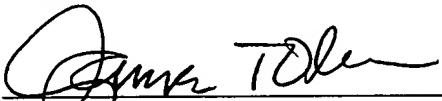
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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$445.00 for this extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge and underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

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